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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman and Ranking Member,

I am requesting \$4,003,981 in funding for the Gretna Sewer Expansion in fiscal year 2023 through the Economic Development Initiative account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gretna located at 14615 Main Street Gretna, Florida 32332.

The funding would be used to construct a new sewer transmission system to serve the northeast and northwest quadrants of the interchange along the State Road 12 corridor in Gretna, Florida. The project consists of the construction of two new lift stations and 10,250 linear feet of 10-inch force main. The project would extend sewer service to the southeast and southwest quadrant of the interchange where more than 1000 acres of commercially zone property exists. This project will expand sewer treatment capacity of the City's existing 400,000 gallons per day sewer treatment plant to handle current and future wastewater treatment. Gretna is among the smallest of six municipalities in Gadsden County. The average household income in Gretna is \$34,132 with a poverty rate of 32.78%. This federal funding request will fund the expansion of infrastructure, allowing the City to facilitate the development of over 1000 acres of commercial zone property, resulting in job creation in manufacturing, hospitality, and technology.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Al Lawson

Member of Congress